



The Aruban chapter of The Brotherhood of Humanity introduces “A Moral Compass” *Spiritual Guidance becomes fun for children*

All of us are concerned about the values that are being adopted by the next generation, and in these troubling times, concerned parents and individuals have noticed a decline in what some might call “old-fashioned” ideals, but ideals that still are solid and admirable. Faith as a center of the family, the family as a nucleus to life.

Aruban members of the theosophical society, The Brotherhood of Humanity, have not just idly lamented this loss of universal moral values, but with the assistance of Cede Aruba, they have done something about it, something fun and interesting for youth, which will get their attention.

The Aruban chapter, headed by Rugia Coffie and Amy Lasten has devised an entertaining game, beautifully produced and packaged that emphasizes all those essential elements that help to encourage the attitudes and actions for a stronger society. Their intention is to donate it to all the Aruban schools and youth organizations, but it is of such interest to the International Brotherhood of Humanity that it has been translated into eighteen languages from the Papiamento in which it was originally created. The game will be distributed world wide in English, French, Arabic, Hebrew and over a dozen other languages, bringing a message of love, faith and value in qualities like friendship, charity, humility, honesty, and respect, and all the ethical behavior that helps to make a better world. There are actually two games, and one looks like a compass, with the points being the traits that help to build a productive life.

Other learning materials that will accompany the game is a song CD titled “Canta Strea” produced with the cooperation of Maybelline Arends Croes and her children’s choir. Another item to be donated to the schools is an educational video about Aruba’s environment, how to respect it, and protect it.

The new game and information about The Brotherhood of Humanity, a Christian based group with an emphasis on being one with the natural world, and “holistic harmony” with one’s environment was presented to the public at the Intstituto di Cultura on Wednesday evening, December 14. The Three Objects of The Brotherhood of Humanity are:

- 1) To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or Color.
- 2) To encourage the comparative study of Religion, philosophy and science
- 3) To investigate the unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in humanity.

The creators of “A Moral Compass” have attempted to incorporate some of these elements into this attractive and appealing exercise for children, in the hope that it will redirect the path that they see so many young people taking these days, and which they find so disturbing. Though the organization is Christian based, the game itself is non-denominational, only encouraging the concept of spiritual affiliation as a building block to a more ethical outlook on life.

For more information on the International Brotherhood of Humanity one can find them on the internet at <http://www.theosophical.org/index.html>. For more information on “A Moral Compass” and the Aruban branch “Hermandad di Humanidad” Rugia Coffie at telephone #588-0921 or e-mail rcoffie9@hotmail.com.